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DOCKETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (HFA-305)
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

I support changes that would reduce cruelty to laying hens and contamination of their eggs, with resulting health hazards to humans.

More changes are required than just putting bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulating egg refrigeration temperatures.

Forced molting should be prohibited because this practice has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems. Such practices can injure human health by predisposing the birds and their eggs to salmonella contamination.

I encourage the FDA to grant, without further delay, the April 1998 petition to ban forced molting.

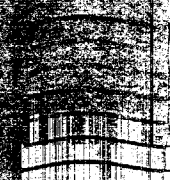
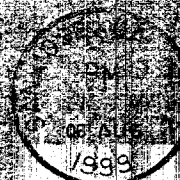
Sincerely,

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